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SUBJECT: INQUIRY BY AMCIT ON BEHALF OF ETHIOPIAN IN-LAW

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM AMCIT CONCERNING PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED BY HIS ETHIOPIAN FATHER-IN-LAW IN EXITING ETHIOPIA FOR VISIT TO US. SGT. NEHEMIAH RINGWOOD SAID HE WAS TOLD BY HIS FATHER-IN-LAW, ATO ABEBE ASHENAFI, ON MAY 18 THAT EMBASSY HAD ISSUED HIM (ABEBE) VISITORS VISA TO US AND THAT HE PLANNED TO LEAVE ON MAY 21. ABEBE COMING TO US TO VISIT WITH DAUGHTER, FIKRE ABEBE RINGWOOD, WHO IS HOSPITALIZED IN LAS VEGAS AND TO ASSIST HER AND HER HUSBAND IN MEETING LARGE HOSPITAL BILLS ENCOUNTERED IN GREECE (WHERE BABY WAS BORN) AND IN LAS VEGAS. FIKRE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED BY ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY IN GREECE AND TOLD THAT HER FATHER WOULD NOT BE ISSUED EXIT PERMIT FROM ETHIOPIA UNTIL JUNE 30.

2. SGT. AND MRS. RINGWOOD HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL EITHER IN REESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY IN GREECE OR WITH ATO ABEBE IN ADDIS. APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT EMBASSY CAN SHED ON REASONS THAT ABEBE IS UNABLE TO LEAVE ETHIOPIA AND ANY INFORMATION WE MIGHT CONVEY TO SON-IN-LAW AND DAUGHTER, WHO SUFFERING FROM "NERVOUS CONDITION." KISSINGER

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